

Friday 22nd August 2025

Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police



Community Protection Warning following hare coursing

On 13 August, five males trespassed onto private farmland in Lewes with the suspected intent of hare coursing.

Police successfully identified the car used, and a Community Protection Warning (CPW) was issued to the group.



Hare coursing is a criminal offence that causes serious damage to farmland, wildlife and communities. It often involves organised offenders using dogs to chase or kill hares, trespassing across farms and causing criminal damage.

Sussex Police's Rural Crime Team are dedicated to protecting our rural communities around Sussex, including the 62% of land in the county which is farmland.

If you witness hare coursing, please report it by calling 999.

Rogue Traders in Seaford

Following reports of rogue traders in areas of Seaford, including Hartfield Road, we continue to raise awareness and share advice on the signs to look out for and what to do.

Seaford PCSOs will be hosting a fraud and scam awareness session on 9th September from 14:30-16:00 at St Peters Church, Belgrave Road, Blatchington.



This event is open to all residents and will offer attendees the opportunity to obtain the latest crime prevention advice, support, and tips from officers on the signs to spot, what scams have been doing the rounds, and what you can do to help safeguard yourself and your family against fraud.

Spot the signs to look out for, know what to ask or what to do when someone comes to your door with our advice below:

Our top tips:

- Make sure your back door is locked, burglars will sometimes work in pairs, where one will go to the back door when you are distracted at the front door.
- You do not have to open the door, it is okay to not answer and ask them to leave. If you are able to, keep the chain on the latch when answering the door.

-Ask for ID, if you suspect the ID might be fake, take the time to establish their identity by calling their employer.

Typical excuses used by fraudsters can include, tarmacking driveways, property repairs, 'water board' meter readers or the 'council' need to have access to your house, 'we've noticed your roof and guttering need repairs', a plain clothed 'police officer' needs to talk to you about a crime, the need to make a telephone call, use the toilet, or have a glass of water or even charity collectors trying to obtain personal information.

Remember it is your front door, you can just say no - never feel pressured to say yes and do your research, a passing trader can provide you with their details, where you can then look them up and seek advice from someone you trust.

Keeping you cyber safe – free cyber security webinars

You don't have to be a computer expert to get up-to-speed and protect yourself from Cyber Crime.

Every week our dedicated Cyber Protect team delivers free, engaging, and interactive online webinars every week on a variety of topics covering the latest in Cyber Security:

- Online Safety for Beginners
- Keeping Children Safe Online
- The Dangers of AI
- Cyber Security for Businesses: Threats you must address in 2025
- Online Safety for Women and Girls
- Cyber Security for Charities
- Special Sessions (i.e. Crypto-currencies)



With the UK Economy losing around £27bn a year from Cyber Crime, the sessions for businesses and charities are essential to learn the latest cyber security measures such as phishing awareness, protecting against ransomware and business continuity.

Parents and guardians can learn all about keeping children safe online, with the sessions covering social media, parental controls, gaming, digital footprints, trackers, AI and much more.

Each topic finishes with a Q and A providing the ideal time to answer any burning cyber security questions.

You can discover more on each subject area webinar, along with a schedule of forthcoming webinars to sign-up for via our Event page here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093?mssockid=3703b8df4a7c6fcd262faed24b246e40#collections>

Up coming police community meetings

AUGUST

Tuesday 26th August, from 18:00-19:30 parked up in our engagement van along North Road in Ringmer.

Tuesday 26th August, 10:30-12:00, Nevill Recreational Grounds, Lewes, meet your local PCSO for advice, support and reporting.

Wednesday 27th August from 11:00-13:00 at Barcombe Village Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Saturday 30th August from 16:00-17:30 stationed up in the St John's Church car park in Piddinghoe.

Saturday 30th August, 1300-1500 at The Sidings in Newhaven event "Roots and Rhythms" organised by Culture Connect.



SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 9th September 11:00-12:00, join us outside Village shop, Plumpton, for a rural crime prevention advice and support day.

Monday 15th September from 11:00-13:00 at Newick Village Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Wednesday 17th September, from 10:00-11:30 at The View, Seaford Head Golf Course, Southdown Rd, Seaford for a morning of meeting teams, as well as fraud and scam awareness talk.

Thursday 18th September from 17:00-18:30 parked up in the Saltdean Park car park off Saltdean Park Road.

Thursday 25th September 10:30-11:30 – Stationed up in The Bull Pub car park, Ditchling.

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th October 11:00-12:00 – Parked up in Lewes High Street outside Costa's.

Wednesday 22nd October from 11:00-13:00 in Hamsey at the Beechwood Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

All events are a chance to not only meet your local ward officers, but obtain support, advice and information about current crime trends, report local issues, and hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted in your area to help keep communities safe.

Contact us online, or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support).

In an emergency call 999.

Contact Us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click www.sussex.police.uk, (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you do not require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Speak to us face-to-face at a police station or contact the local policing team at www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, or other forms of communication difficulties.

Those with textphone can text 18001 101, or BSL users can use SignVideo to provide a Video Relay Service (here: <https://signvideo.co.uk/>), to report crime through a live online interpreter, who will contact the police on your behalf, when you do not require an urgent response.

In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger please use the textphone service 18000 or text us on 999.

BSL users can call 999 BSL (here: <https://999bsl.co.uk/>) to use a British Sign Language interpreter.

For more information on textphone and Relay UK please visit: <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/contact-999-using-relay-uk.html>.

